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LAFTA CONFERENCE VOTED EVENING SEPTEMBER 3 TO EXCLUDE  
CUBA BY VOTE 7 TO NOTHING, MEXICO AND BRAZIL ABSTAINING.  
CONFERENCE ADOPTED RESOLUTION 36 AGAINST ADMISSION ANY  
COUNTRY WITH INCOMPATIBLE ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND RESOLUTION  
37 NAMING CUBA AS SUCH A COUNTRY. TEXTS FOLLOW. MEXICO AND  
BRAZIL ABSTAINED JUDICIAL GROUNDS ARTICLE 58 DID NOT PROVIDE  
FOR EXCLUSION ANY APPLICANT, BUT BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED CUBAN  
SYSTEM INCOMPATIBLE WITH LAFTA. REGULAR PLENARY SESSIONS  
RESUMED SEPTEMBER 4.

RESOLUTION 36

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, DURING ITS  
SECOND PERIOD OF REGULAR SESSIONS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE PARTIES TO THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY,  
IN ESTABLISHING A FREE TRADE AREA AND INSTITUTING THE

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THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 34 OF THE TREATY, TO TAKE ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING MATTERS REQUIRING A JOINT DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING IN MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

FIRST. THAT, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, IT IS NOT PROPER TO ACCEPT THE DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF ADHERENCE BY ANY COUNTRY THAT MAINTAINS AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY.

RESOLUTION 37

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, DURING ITS  
SECOND SESSION, AT THE REQUEST OF CUBA  
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
HOLDING AN INTERIM MEETING OF AMBASSADORS  
IN ARTICLE 50 THEREOF  
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AND, IN VIEW OF RESOLUTION 38 (III) OF THE 1955 ASSEMBLY,

DECLARES:

THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTE INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE  
ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF CUBA AND THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY AND

RESOLVES:

FIRST. THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NOT PROPER TO ACCEPT  
THE DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENT OF ADHERENCE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF CUBA TO THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY AS LONG AS ITS PRESENT  
ECONOMIC SYSTEM CONTINUES.

SECOND. TO COMMUNICATE THIS RESOLUTION IMMEDIATELY TO  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY FOR SUCH  
PURPOSES AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

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